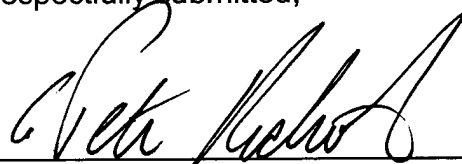


REMARKS

All the pending claims were rejected as being not enabled because the Examiner contends that the claims are broad enough to encompass utilizing the composition of the invention as an adhesive or other component but that the specification only teaches use as a fiber. The claims have been amended to specify that it is the fiber that includes the poly(ethylene oxide). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

The pending claims were also rejected as being anticipated or obvious in view of US 5,217,798 to Brady. Applicants respectfully traverse for the reasons set for in the response to the last office action. It is believed that those arguments are germane in view of the present amendments. Applicants believe the present claims are allowable and respectfully request allowance of the application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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